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SUBJECT: FDP FRAKTION MEETING IN BERLIN

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL FDP FRAKTION LEADER OXFORT,
FDP BUNDESTAG FRAKTION MEETING IN BERLIN OCTOBER 16
DELIBERATELY PROVIDED NO SURPRISES. OXFORT TOLD
MISSION OFFICER FDP DID NOT WANT TO STAGE "SPECTACULAR,"
BUT WISHED TO CONDUCT NORMAL BUSINESSLIKE MEETING
IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE TIES BETWEEN BERLIN AND BUND
AND EDUCATE BUNDESTAG FRAKTION ABOUT PARTICULAR
BERLIN PROBLEMS. OXFORT SAID HE FLOATED HIS IDEA THAT
BAHR'S POSITION AS CHIEF OF BUNDESHAUS IN BERLIN
SHOULD BE FILLED BY SOMEONE WHO LIVED IN CITY AND DEVOTED
FULL TIME TO JOB. BUNDESTAG FRAKTION LEADER MISCHNICK
EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR PROPOSAL BUT DID
NOT WISH TO TAKE PUBLIC POSITION THAT WOULD APPEAR
TO BE ATTACK ON BAHR AND CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR
COALITION.

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2. AT FRAKTION MEETING MISCHNICK PLEADED FOR UNANIMITY OF ALL BUNDESTAG PARTIES ON BERLIN AND ALL-GERMAN POLICY. HE SAID DIFFERENCES ABOUT DETAILS SHOULD NOT CONCEAL COMMON GOAL. GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ REPORTED TO MEETING ON EXPERIENCE WITH QA AND OXFORT ALSO ADDRESSED GROUP ON QA.

3. INTERIOR MINISTER GENSCHER ASSURED MEETING THAT FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION OFFICE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN BERLIN, BUT SAID FORMAL CABINET DECISION WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL'S MOSCOW TRIP.

4. FRAKTION ALSO DISCUSSED PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT BUNDESTAG MEETING. THIS LATTER POINT IS INTERESTING BECAUSE BRINCKMEIER, BERLIN SPD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, TOLD MISSION OFFICER OCTOBER 18 THAT THERE WAS A DISPUTE OVER AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 22 SPD BUNDESTAG FRAKTION MEETING, ALSO TO BE HELD IN BERLIN. ACCORDING TO BRICKMEIER, WEHNER BELIEVED THAT BECAUSE OF QA, SPD FRAKTION COULD ONLY DISCUSS BERLIN MATTERS, WHEREAS SCHUETZ MAINTAINED THAT FRAKTION COULD DISCUSS WHOLE RANGE OF BUNDESTAG BUSINESS WITH EXCEPTION OF MILITARY QUESTIONS. AS CONSEQUENCE, AGENDA FOR MONDAY MEETING, WHICH CHANCELLOR BRANDT WILL ATTEND, HAD STILL NOT BEEN SET.

5. COMMENT: REGARDLESS OF GROUND RULES OBTAINING FOR BUNDESTAG COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WE ARE UNAWARE OF CLAIM, EVEN BY SOVIETS, THAT FRAKTION MEETINGS HAD TO HAVE EXCLUSIVE BERLIN FOCUS.KLEIN

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